

members in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2689. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that children in foster care who are placed in a qualified residential treatment program are eligible for Medicaid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 2690. A bill to require the Small Business Administration to license new lending institutions to make loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2691. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate access to vaccines under the Medicaid program and the Vaccines for Children program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2692. A bill to amend title 38, United States, to modify the limitation on reimbursement for emergency treatment of amounts owed to a third party or for which the veteran is responsible under a health-plan contract; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2693. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize additional projects related to the Salton Sea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2694. A bill to improve care furnished and to support the workforce in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program and in nursing facilities under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2695. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAMER:

S. 2696. A bill to require States and local jurisdictions that institute vaccine passports to require voter identification in Federal elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2697. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove the Medicaid coverage exclusion for inmates in custody pending disposition of charges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LUMMIS:

S. 2698. A bill to establish a categorical exclusion to improve or restore National Forest System land or public land or reduce the risk of wildfire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2699. A bill to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2700. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the

detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2701. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Office for Access to Justice in the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2702. A bill to protect the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 2703. A bill to amend the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 to require insurance agents who sell flood insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program to take certain continuing education courses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 2704. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide relief from surcharges to small businesses and nonprofit organizations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2705. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish Tribal Wildlife Corridors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 2706. A bill to improve diversity in clinical trials and data collection for COVID-19 and future public health threats to address social determinants of health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2707. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to improve a program that provides livestock disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LUJAN:

S. 2708. A bill to provide for greater consultation between the Federal Government and the governing bodies and community users of land grant-mercedes in New Mexico, to provide for a process for recognition of the historic-traditional uses of land grant-mercedes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2709. A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 to increase the fiscal year 2021 commitments to guarantee certain business loans of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2710. A bill to promote competition and reduce gatekeeper power in the app economy, increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2711. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide rules of construction that nothing in those Acts requires the use, teaching, promotion, or recommendation of any academic discipline, program, or activity that holds that the United States is a Nation founded on white supremacy and oppression, or that these forces are at the root of American society; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2712. A bill to authorize appropriations for planning for United States participation in the 2025 World Expo in Osaka, Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to "Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions in Communities with Substantial or High Transmission of COVID-19 To Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. BURR):

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to "Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions in Communities with Substantial or High Transmission of COVID-19 To Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. Res. 352. A resolution designating the week of September 6 through September 10, 2021, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1425

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1425, a bill to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1428, a bill to

prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products.

S. 1721

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1721, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require the impaneling of a new jury if a jury fails to recommend by unanimous vote a sentence for conviction of a crime punishable by death.

S. 1814

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to authorize the Women Who Worked on the Home Front Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 1964

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1964, a bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and for other purposes.

S. 2011

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2011, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor the contributions of all those whose efforts led to the successful development of life saving vaccines to combat the novel coronavirus.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2024, a bill to require that internet platforms give users the option to engage with a platform without being manipulated by algorithms driven by user-specific data.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to improve the safety and security of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2075, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from gross income for AmeriCorps educational awards.

S. 2081

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2081, a bill to improve the structure of the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2086, a bill to improve the identification and support of children and families who experience trauma.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize admission of Canadian retirees as long-term visitors for pleasure described in section 101(a)(15)(B) of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2209

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2209, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of in vitro clinical tests, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide capacity-building assistance to institutions of higher education to examine and address inequities in college student access and success, and for other purposes.

S. 2390

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2390, a bill to allow Amer-

icans to receive paid leave time to process and address their own health needs and the health needs of their partners during the period following a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption arrangement, a failed surrogacy arrangement, or a diagnosis or event that impacts pregnancy or fertility, to support related research and education, and for other purposes.

S. 2406

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2406, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to set maximum contaminant levels for certain chemicals, and for other purposes.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to enhance penalties for theft of a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee.

S. 2519

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2519, a bill to repeal the multi-State plan program.

S. 2543

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to require a study on the national security implications of the People's Republic of China's efforts to create an official digital currency.

S. 2647

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2647, a bill to award a Congressional gold medal to the 369th Infantry Regiment, commonly known as the "Harlem Hellfighters", in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service during World War I.

S. 2675

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2675, a bill to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2688. A bill to require consultations on reuniting Korean Americans with family members in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the “Korean War Divided Families Reunification Act” with my colleague Senator SULLIVAN. This bipartisan piece of legislation would open opportunities for Korean Americans to be included in reunions with their relatives who remain in North Korea. Many first generation Korean Americans, now in their 80’s and 90’s, are waiting to be reunited with their parents, spouses, children, siblings, and cousins. They should not have to wait any longer.

One of the tragic legacies of the Korean War is the permanent separation of Korean families. Sixty-eight years ago, the United States, People’s Republic of China, North Korea, and South Korea agreed to an armistice which drew a new border between North Korea from South Korea. Since then, there has been little contact between South Koreans and their family members who remained in North Korea, and almost no contact between Korean Americans and their loved ones in North Korea.

North and South Korea first agreed to hold reunions of divided families in 1985. There have been 21 face-to-face reunions and multiple video-link reunions, which have given approximately 24,500 Koreans the opportunity to briefly reunite with loved ones. There is no official channel, however, for Korean Americans to participate in these reunions.

Many Korean Americans long for an opportunity to meet their North Korean relatives. My constituent, Carol Li from Honolulu, wants to reconnect with her family’s past and learn more about where her grandparents were from. Carol’s maternal grandparents fled from North Korea to the South during the Korean War, leaving behind their siblings. Unfortunately, her grandparents passed away before they were able to reconnect with their siblings who remained in North Korea. While she was teaching English in South Korea, she grew more curious about her North Korean relatives and the war that divided them. With passage of this legislation, Carol hopes she can participate in future reunions to meet her North Korean relatives. She deserves the opportunity to do so.

The legislation I am introducing would open official channels between Korean Americans and their families in North Korea by directing the U.S. Secretary of State to consult with his counterpart in South Korea to identify opportunities for Korean Americans to participate in future family reunions. It also directs the State Department’s

Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues to consult the Korean American community on efforts to reunite families, including opportunities for video reunions.

Time is of the essence for those who have been seeking the opportunity to reconnect with their loved ones for nearly seven decades. Thanks to the leadership of Rep. GRACE MENG of New York, the House of Representatives passed this legislation on July 19, 2021 by a vote of 415 to 0. It is time for the Senate to act. I call on my Senate colleagues to swiftly pass this bill. Thank you.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2691. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate access to vaccines under the Medicaid program and the Vaccines for Children program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce the Strengthening the Vaccines for Children Program Act of 2021 with Senator SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO. This bill seeks to protect children and their communities from preventable illness during the pandemic and for the long term by making vaccines more accessible. Similar bipartisan legislation has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives KIM SCHRIER, JOHN JOYCE, G.K. BUTTERFIELD, and DAVID MCKINLEY.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, routine childhood vaccination rates are down, as parents have sought to avoid visits to the doctor and other medical care for their children for fear of catching or spreading COVID-19. These lower immunizations rates raise the very real possibility of a secondary outbreak of an infectious disease such as measles, mumps, or whooping cough. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides federally purchased vaccines to approximately half of all children in the United States, including children who are enrolled in Medicaid or who are uninsured or underinsured, and plays a critical role in ensuring high rates of childhood vaccination. As children return to school in person this fall, the VFC program will be critical to helping children catch up on their routine immunizations to prevent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. However, much more must be done to update and improve the VFC program to better reflect the challenges of administering vaccines today.

Our bipartisan legislation would modernize the VFC program, addressing barriers to participation among families and their pediatricians. As such, this bill would extend eligibility to children enrolled in the Children’s Health Insurance Program, streamlining and filling a gap in program administration. The bill would also ensure that Medicaid can pay appropriately for the administration and counseling of modern, multicomponent

vaccines, helping to address vaccine hesitancy. Lastly, the bill includes new reporting requirements to identify disparities and pockets of low vaccination rates.

This legislation has already passed unanimously in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, demonstrating broad, bipartisan support for improving the VFC program and addressing lagging childhood vaccination rates. I look forward to working with Sen. CAPITO, as well as Representatives SCHRIER, JOYCE, BUTTERFIELD, and MCKINLEY towards passage of this legislation in both chambers in the near future.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2693. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize additional projects related to the Salton Sea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the bipartisan “Salton Sea Projects Improvement Act” to expand the Bureau of Reclamation’s ability to participate and invest in projects at the Salton Sea.

This legislation would ensure Reclamation can meaningfully partner with state, local, and Tribal governments to address both the public health and environmental crises at the Salton Sea.

Under current law, the Bureau of Reclamation is only able to engage in projects that have a research focus. This means that Reclamation can only engage in projects to research how to protect habitat, enhance fisheries, enhance recreational opportunities, or control salinity. Reclamation also operates under a \$10 million authorization.

This effectively prohibits Reclamation from participating in the Salton Sea Management Program run by California.

This legislation would expand Reclamation’s authority so they can participate in large-scale projects, even if they don’t have a research focus. Projects could improve air and water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and improve public health at the Salton Sea. It would also increase Reclamation’s authorization for Salton Sea efforts from \$10 million to \$250 million.

The Salton Sea, located in southern Riverside and northern Imperial counties, is California’s largest inland body of water. It formed after Colorado River floodwater breached an irrigation canal and flowed into the Salton Sink.

The current Salton Sea maintains water levels from irrigation runoff but has been shrinking for many years. The water has become increasingly salty, so much so that its salinity is 50% higher than the Pacific Ocean. This has led to major water quality issues with